



An incorporated club
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A friendly family social motoring club

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WOW! A.B.C. NEWS

A Relaxing Day was had by all that attended Como Gardens.

After lunch we had our A.G.M. For 2003 then we were given a tour of George Hetrel's Car Museum.

This is one of his many beautiful Car's



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EDITOR'S PAGE

Welcome to these new Members

Peter & Heather Lees - MGB Mk II

John Hoey & Judy Siede - MG Tf

Patrick & Joan Swinchatt - Jaguar xj 6L Ser II

Austin / Nash Metropolitan 1500

Ross & Shirley Gardner - Ford Cortina Gt

Just a note to let members know because I am going on the Fly the Flag Tour the magazine will be going out a bit later next month.

The Minutes of the recent A.G.M will be in next months Magazine.

Welcome to the new Committee Members

Ray & Lyn Higginson

Bill Allen

Heather Cannon

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9336 7306

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EVENTS

MARCH 9TH GET TOGETHER WITH ANTIQUE AIRCRAFT AT COLDSTREAM

The date of this event has been changed to the following week when hopefully we will be joining the Antique Aircraft Association and the Rvac at Coldstream Airport. This sounds to be a great day the aircraft have a competition were they have to burst a balloon with their propellers and then do a spot landing. We will be taking our catering trailer along and for a small cost we will put on a B.B.Q. Bring along your fine British classic and join the airplane people for a great day out. Contact Heather for more details

MARCH 22ND to MARCH 28TH FLY THE FLAG TOUR

Cars will be flagged of at approximately 9 am from the Lindsey Fox Collection Car Museum if anyone is interested in watching the cars depart contact Frank Douglas for more details

MARCH 30TH SHANNON'S BRITISH AND EUROPEAN DAY

The event for this years show has changed and is now at the Dandenong Show grounds in Bennet st Dandenong Entry time is from 9 am we will be meeting at Dandenong West Primary School Benga Ave at 8.45 to leave at 9.00 am Mel 90 A6

APRIL 6TH PICNIC IN THE YOU YANG'S

APRIL 18TH TO 21ST EASTER AT BEECHWORTH / BRIGHT

MAY 4TH VISIT TO ACE HI RANCH

MAY 9TH ANNUAL DINNER LOCATION TO BE ADVISED

MAY 31ST TO JUNE 15TH ANDAMOOKA OPAL SAFARI

JUNE 27 TH WINE TASTING & TRIVIA NIGHT COMBINED

JULY 13TH VISIT BOB CHAPMANS ROLLS ROYCE REPAIR WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 12TH 2003 BRITISH TRANSPORT & MACHINERY DAY

Early morning drives. Ring Neil Wakeman on 9841 7773

16th March At 7.am to leave at 7.15 am Nunawading Civic Center..

R.A.C.V. Fly the Flag Tour 2003

400 Classic Car motorists plus some 25 Marshals + Officials will depart the Fox Museum on 22 March for an enjoyable 7 day tour of Victorias beauty spots.

Quite a logistical problem, feeding so many folk night after night with different caterers each night. We also have to entertain, guide + and support as well as problem solve for the group. Not an easy job, but one that has in effect been entrusted to the All British Classics Car Club team of Marshals + Officials to carry out. We look forward to the challenge.

R.A.C.V. GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY 2003

WHAT A GREAT EFFORT. You did us proud

Surely our best Great Australian Rally yet & one that would have made money for the Peter Mac Cancer Institute. A great cause.

Over \$30.000 profit

Please accept my sincere thanks for all who gave their time & efforts to make such a great event happen & we now move on to perhaps our biggest challenge yet.

THE R.A.C.V CENTENARY GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY Jan 2004.

Watch this space for further details.

Frank Douglas. President.



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB .inc.

OWNING OR APPRECIATING THE SPIRIT OF FINE ENGLISH CLASSICS

HOW DID OUR CLUB START & WHAT HAS HAPPENED ALONG THE WAY? By Frank E Douglas. Mar 2003

Our considerations on Car Clubs, the good, the bad & the future???

Many a car club member has thought of, what is good, what is bad, what could be changed to improve the support & future of car clubs. In depth discussion went on for several years between, John Gagen {Brisbane} Tore Pannuzzo & Frank Douglas trying to resolve this.

Many matters were reviewed, fellowship, events, in club members help, preserving history. Car clubs when their manufacture of cars has ceased. Particularly small makers of cars. We were looking for a formula for a new look, USER FRIENDLY, updated CAR CLUB for families.

What needs changing?... Boring meetings, mainly about nothing... Concours judging, it causes more arguments than it is worth?... Develop a MULTI MAKE club, more interesting than one make club. Make the wives WELCOME & events INTERESTING to them as well. Where do we go from here?. DEVELOP a club built on social use age of your hobby classic car. Minimize meetings other than social & have meetings if necessary when needed added on to the next social event. Use name tags & always make members WELCOME. Have interesting events and a good colorful magazine. MAKE THE CLUB MEMBERS YOUR NEW CIRCLE OF FRIENDS & remember

IF YOU DO NOT PUT IN, HOW CAN YOU EXPECT TO GET MUCH BACK???
SO, what happened? John Gagen formed the Queensland All British Classics Car Club and it is up & running with about 75 members. Our sister club with social But not legal ties.

On 3 Sept 97, Frank Douglas, Tony Hodges, Nello Mafodda, Colin Hallam and Pat Douglas lodged the incorporation of our club & we called a open meeting for new members at Shannons. 47 persons attended. Some 30 members/ or couples joined up. Our membership is now approaching 100 & with most memberships being couples we are well over the 160 mark in total individuals.. Frank Douglas became our first President & still holds that position.

We specialize in having up to three social events a month.

It has always been understood that we have an obligation to do some work for society and as such we are heavily involved in running the RACV Great Australian Rally the proceeds going to the Peter Mac Institute. We also provide the Marshals & most officials for the RACV Fly the Flag tour. The profits being shared by the Association of Motoring Clubs & the Federation of Motoring Clubs.

Our club is paid a donation of \$2500 by each event & this money keeps Your annual subs at a low figure. Incidentally we have raised well over \$140,000 for charity, a great job by all members & the club is a reflection of the standard of our members & I believe the formula for our club is working well.

There is so much more to be said but you can only fit so much into one page.

Frank Douglas. President

ANDAMOOKA OPAL CLASSIC

30 May-16 June
2003

We are going touring + **OPAL MINING**
Are you coming along?

As outlined in earlier magazine the All British Classics Car Club is heading off on a low cost run thru Mildura, Broken Hill, Flinders Ranges, Port Augusta To the Andamooka Opal Fields in SA where arrangements have been made to use machinery to develop two open cut opal mines. We will share the proceeds according to your small investment in the mine. \$200 per share, max 2 shares. All monies will be held by the club & any surplus returned.

Whilst in Andamooka we will visit the Red Sand hills, have an outback night time BBQ with millions of stars, Visit Roxby Downs & maybe visit an outback cattle station.

We will be using our mobile catering trailer for most meals & budget priced accommodation has been arranged in Andamooka.

On our way home we will visit the Barossa Valley, The Coonawarra wine area, Mt Gambier & the Blue lake & finally drive the Great Ocean Rd back to Melbourne.

Twenty three folk have booked so far, max 45. **WHAT ABOUT YOU?** Any vacancies will be offered at the **RACV FLY THE FLAG TOUR.**

SO. If you want in, or want to ask questions ring Frank Douglas on 8704 2533..

This will be my LAST Central Australia Safari.. LAST CHANCE...

The bones get a little wearier & the health a little ??

Going to the Vet

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. "My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?"

"Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him." So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth. Finally, he says "I'm going to have to put him down."

"What? Because he's cross-eyed?"

"No, because he's really heavy."

Hearing Problem

A concerned husband went to a doctor to talk about his wife. "Doctor, I think my wife is deaf because she never hears me the first time and always asks me to repeat things."

"Well," the doctor replied, "go home and tonight stand about 15 feet from her and say something to her. If she doesn't reply move about 5 feet closer and say it again. Keep doing this so that we'll get an idea about the severity of her deafness."

Sure enough, the husband goes home and does exactly as instructed. He starts off about 15 feet from his wife in the kitchen as she is chopping some vegetables and says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" He hears no response. He moves about 5 feet closer and asks again. No reply. He moves 5 feet closer. Still no reply. He gets fed up and moves right behind her, about an inch away, and asks again, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

She replies, "For the fourth time, vegetable stew!"

Generation Gap

During a quarrel with his parents, young Michael cried, "I want excitement, adventure, money, and beautiful women. I'll never find it here at home, so I'm leaving. Don't try and stop me!"

With that, he headed toward the door. His father rose and followed close behind.

"Didn't you hear what I said? I don't want you to try and stop me."

"Who's trying to stop you?" replied his father. "If you wait a minute, I'll go with you."

Generosity

A woman was chatting with her next-door neighbour. "I feel really good today. I started out this morning with an act of unselfish generosity. I gave a five dollar bill to a bum."

"You gave a bum five whole dollars? That's a lot of money to just give away. What did you husband say about it?"

"Oh, he thought it was the proper thing to do. He said, 'Thanks.'"

Good Morals

"Is it proper for a man to profit from the mistakes of another?" a parishioner asked his minister.

"Definitely not," was the preacher's answer.

"Are you absolutely certain?"

"Yes, my son, absolutely."

"Okay. In that case, I wonder if you'd mind returning that \$25 I gave you after my wedding last year?"

Bad Day at Work

When you've had an absolute "I hate my job" day try this: On your way home

>from work, stop at your pharmacy and go

>to the thermometer section. You will need to purchase a rectal thermometer

>made by Johnson and Johnson. Be very sure

>you get this brand. When you get home, lock your doors, draw the drapes,

>and disconnect the phone so you will not be disturbed during your therapy.

>Change to very comfortable clothing, such as a sweat suit and lie down on

>your bed. Open

>the package and remove the thermometer. Carefully place it on the bedside

>table so that it will not become chipped or broken. Take out the material

>that comes with the thermometer and read it. You will notice that in small

>print there is a

>statement: "Every rectal thermometer made by Johnson and Johnson is

>personally tested" Now close your eyes and repeat

>out loud five times: "I am so glad I do not work for quality control at

>the Johnson and Johnson Company".

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>Have a nice day folks and remember, there is always someone with a worse job

>than yours

